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Preparing for the primaries

■ Gore may debate Bradley for votes in Tenn.

by SANDRA SOBIERAJ
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore, acknowledging a "hard, tough fight" for a presidential nomination many once thought would be easily his, said Wednesday he is moving his campaign to Tennessee and challenging opponent Bill Bradley to a series of debates.

"I want to take this campaign for the presidency directly to the

grass roots and directly to the American people," he told a news conference.

The move was indicative of the concern within the Gore campaign about the growing threat from Bradley and the perception among many Democrats that the vice president cannot beat Republican front-runner George W. Bush.

The former Tennessee senator, who grew up in Washington, said he is taking his campaign "lock, stock and barrel" out of the nation's capital and to down-



GORE

town Nashville, where he will open his new headquarters in a week.

Gore also said he wanted to debate Bradley "a lot" — on issues such as health care, the environment and crime — but only after a period of time during which both candidates can consult experts and "refine" their policy positions. Gore planned to recast his campaign style so that he will meet voters in small groups to talk about issues and the nation's future. "This is a format that, well, it's as old as our republic and older," he said.

"I'm going to fight my heart

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■ Az. governor and representative give nods to Bush

by SCOTT THOMSEN
The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush is bringing home more than just a souvenir from his first campaign trip to Arizona, the home turf of one of his rivals for the GOP nomination.

He has an endorsement from the state's governor.

"I believe we have a common vision," Arizona Gov. Jane Hull

said Tuesday in announcing that she would back Bush, a two-term Texas governor.

She cited Bush's support for low taxes, open international trade markets, small government with local control and a strong military as well as his character and experience as governor as reasons for her decision.

"It's the winning combination," Hull said.

Earlier in the day, Bush picked up the endorsement



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another prominent Arizona Republican, former congressman John Rhodes. New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani also is set to endorse Bush, possibly this week, a top New York Republican said Tuesday.

The Arizona endorsements for Bush could mean trouble for Sen. John McCain, who announced his candidacy for the GOP presidential nomination this week.

McCain has been gaining ground on Bush in New Hampshire, site of the nation's first primary next year, but he also is counting on his home state to boost his campaign heading into the critical California pri-

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Science program tips the scales with new tools

by RYAN WHEELER
reporter

They are tucked behind doors and inside drawers throughout the science building.

They are past the rock collections and beyond the beakers and flasks.

They are the circular dichroism spectrometers, fluorometers and scanning electron microscopes.

And they comprise the technology available to students in the College of Science (COS).

Dr. William Price, chemistry professor, said more than \$1 million worth of equipment has been collected by the college in less than a year.

As a result, Marshall undergraduates are gaining knowledge of complex instrument first hand.

"The college is taking great

strides," Dr. Tom Storch, dean of the COS, said.

"We are providing students with access to the most sophisticated analytical equipment.

"Usually this is reserved for graduates and professors doing cutting-edge work."

Price agreed.

"No other university of Marshall's caliber has this," he said. "For the first time, we can offer our students state-of-the-art facilities."

In the past year, the college has become home to a mass spectrometry lab, complete with nearly \$500,000 of equipment.

Price said the spectrometers function to weigh molecules, view the make-up of biomolecules and see how molecules interact, among other things.

He said most schools have a simple spectrometer, but

Marshall has the most advanced spectrometers available.

COS owns a scanning electron microscope, too.

Dr. Michael Norton, chemistry professor, said the \$200,000 microscope can view objects at substantially closer magnifications than regular microscopes.

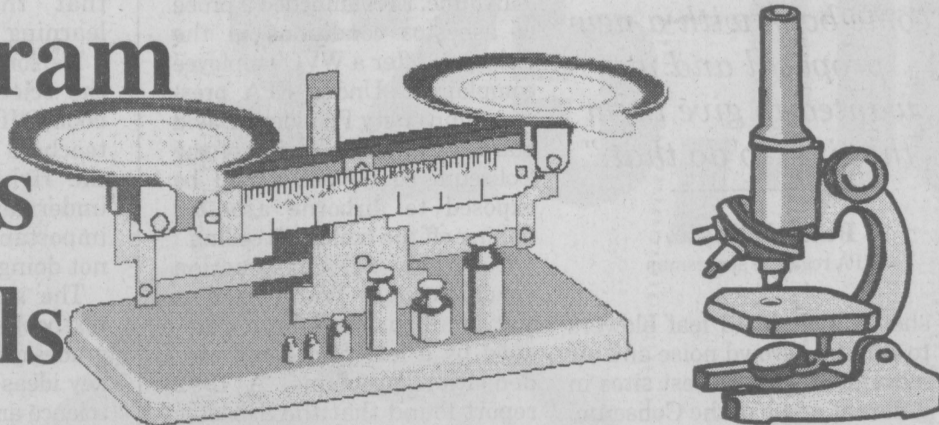
"This scope can view objects at 200,000x," he said.

To put that number into perspective, the seemingly invisible part of a tick that it uses to dig into skin is quite clear at 3,500x.

"This scope hasn't really been pushed yet," Norton said.

Professors in the college agreed that Marshall students are gaining a distinct advantage because of the technology.

"It is a marketable skill," said Dr. Suzanne Strait, biology professor.



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professor of chemistry

The equipment is very user-friendly, she said. It helps undergraduates get over the fear of working with such complex instruments.

Leslie Hicks, Moundsville senior, said, "It is really exciting. If you can do this stuff, you don't even have to have a degree."

Storch said, "We want to make certain our students have this experience."

Consultants, faculty disagree on MU's clients

by EVAN BEVINS
reporter

The South Charleston Graduate College campus will play host for an open meeting Friday at 10 a.m. with consultants for the West Virginia Legislature's study of higher education.

The study is part of House Bill 3019. A summary of the bill provided by Dr. Joseph Wyatt, chairman of the Faculty Senate's Legislative Affairs Committee, states the study will involve, among other things, the "clarification of missions" for public higher education.

The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, the Boulder, Colo., firm hired by the legislature to conduct the study, identified students and employers as the "clients" of higher education, according to the Fall 1999 issue of the Marshall University-American Federation of Teachers Faculty Division Newsletter.

Wyatt and Dr. Juett Cooper, assistant professor of management/marketing, said they do not feel the firm's definition is fully accurate.

Dr. Calvin Kent, dean of the Lewis College of Business, was unavailable for comment.

Other professors contacted did not know about the meeting and did not comment.

Wyatt said he is skeptical about the firm's approach.

"There are, I think, more clients of higher education in West Virginia than students and business," he said.

He also said he thought "consumer" was a more accu-

rate term than "client."

As an example of a consumer not covered by the consulting firm's definition,

Wyatt suggested an 8-year-old child.

"Marshall trains a teacher who goes out and becomes that child's teacher," he said.

"I think, in a sense, that child is a consumer of Marshall University."

Patients of doctors trained at Marshall's medical school are also consumers of the university, Wyatt said.

Cooper said the firm's definition of clients did not fit well with the theory of stakeholder management.

The theory says a business or organization has many stakeholders, including its employees and the surrounding community.

Cooper said he didn't know if the consulting firm had done an in-depth study on the stakeholders of Marshall, but he says there are other significant clients in addition to students and businesses.

He said families of students, alumni, the community, employees of the school and taxpayers also are stakeholders.

Based on the information he had, Cooper said the firm's identification of clients was a "narrow characterization."

"I'm sure the people who sell hamburgers and hot dogs

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WYATT

Faculty Senate faces light agenda today

by EVAN BEVINS
reporter

Thursday's Faculty Senate meeting is expected to be quick and painless.

The meeting will take place at 4 p.m. today in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center.

With no holdover issues from last year and few committees having met, the light agenda is "pretty typical for a September meeting," Faculty Senate President Donna Donathan said.

"I think the topic that most

faculty will be interested in at this meeting is (that) we're going to have an update on the search for the president," Donathan said.

The update is to be provided by F. Layton Cottrill Jr., vice president for executive affairs and general counsel for Marshall. Five minutes of the meeting are reserved for a report from



DONATHAN

Interim President A. Michael Perry. Because Perry will be out of town on the day of the meeting, he asked Cottrill to speak in his place.

Cottrill, while not a voting member of the presidential search committee, is the committee's executive secretary.

Also on the agenda for the meeting is the election of the Faculty Senate vice president. Elections are supposed to be held for the College of Liberal Arts' and the College of Science's representatives to the Executive Committee as well.

Dr. Ben Miller, professor of music, is scheduled to give an Advisory Council of Faculty report.

There is time allowed on the agenda for requests to speak to the senate, although no requests had been made as of Monday morning. Donathan said she feels fairly sure Captain Mark Rhodes of the MUPD will speak about the United Way.

Donathan also said there still could be three or four requests as there is no set deadline. There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting.

More students receiving financial aid

by NATALIE S. OWENS
reporter

More students led to more financial aid being awarded this past academic year.

There was an increase in students who received financial aid for the 1998-99 academic year compared to the previous year, Jack Toney, director of financial aid, said.

The number of students receiving aid for the current academic year is not in yet, he said.

"This increase is an indication of increasing need students find for resources," Toney said.

About 750 more graduate and undergraduate students received financial aid. This increased the amount of money given to students for aid by more than \$4 million, according to information prepared by the financial aid office.

There was an increase of about 700 students who received aid from scholarships and grants in the 1998-99 academic year. This meant an increase of more than \$2.5 million that was awarded to students than in the previous year grants and scholarships.

Almost 100 more students received work study than in the

previous year. The amount of money given to students for work study increased by almost \$2 million.

There was also an increase in the amount of students who received loans. About 200 more students were given loans. The money given to students for loans also increased by almost \$1 million.

Many people don't realize how much money is awarded to students each year, Toney said. The money comes from the federal government and state funds, as well private and institutional funds, he said.

"The role of financial aid is to

bridge the gap between what the student and family can pay," Toney said.

"If students didn't have these resources, many would not be able to meet the cost of attending school because of financial short fallings."

Chris Gould, graduate student, agrees.

"Without financial aid, things would be a lot harder because I would have to go to school full time and work full-time as well," he said.

"Having financial aid means I don't have to worry about paying rent while trying to keep my grades up."

Recipient Profile

Year	Students offered aid	Students that enrolled
1995-96:	798	579
96-97:	1078	672
97-98:	1768	1055
98-99:	2233	1247
99-2000:	2845	1744

-figures provided by the Office of Financial Aid

Clinton doubles next president's pay, increases congressmen's salary

Legislation passes to give Gore, executives pay raises in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton Wednesday signed legislation doubling the next president's salary to \$400,000 and giving members of Congress pay increases of \$4,600 or more.

The measure also gives pay raises in January to Vice President Al Gore, Cabinet secretaries and about 1,300 other top-level executive branch offi-

cials. By law, they get the same cost-of-living increases as members of Congress do.

The raises — plus a 4.8 percent increase in federal civil servants' salaries — were part of a \$28 billion measure financing the Treasury Department and some smaller agencies for the fiscal year beginning Friday.

The 3.4 percent boost for members of Congress would

raise most members' pay to \$141,300 beginning in January.

Leaders earn more, topped by House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., who will make \$181,400. Gore will also earn \$181,400, while Cabinet secretaries will make \$157,000.

By law, federal judges would also be entitled to the same 3.4 percent increase, but Congress must approve that separately.

Lawmakers last gave themselves increases in 1998 and 1993. This year, the combination of a sturdy economy and a balanced federal budget led

many members of Congress to conclude that the political climate for a pay raise was safe.

The presidential pay increase would be the first since the salary was doubled in 1969.

Opponents of the congressional and presidential pay increases have contrasted the salaries with what average Americans earn, and cite health insurance, travel and other perks received by elected officials.

Supporters say the salaries should be high enough to attract talented people who would otherwise enter more lucrative fields.

Boone County man accused of setting fire to mining office

CHARLESTON (AP) — Federal prosecutors have filed a felony charge against a Boone County man accused of setting a fire to a Hobet Mining Co. office building.

Craig Wayne Holeston, 23, was charged in an information Tuesday in U.S. District Court with damaging property at an energy facility.

The charge, which is not an indictment, typically indicates a person has agreed to plead guilty.

Prosecutors said Holeston set fire to the rail service office at Hobet's Mine 21 site near Julian on Aug. 23, causing \$3.5 million in damage and destroying the company's 21,000-square-foot building.

Prosecutors said he returned to the building and torched it several days after stealing a television and VCR.

Holeston was arrested after his grandfather, Clifford Holeston, tipped off federal investigators after finding a bag of snacks in his refrigerator.

WVU granted unlimited time to design new asbestos testing plan for Coliseum

MORGANTOWN (AP) — Federal regulators have given West Virginia University as much time as it needs to design a new asbestos testing plan for the Coliseum.

"They are going to come back with a new proposal and we wanted to give them the time to do that," EPA regional spokesman Patrick Boyle said Tuesday.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which had rejected the university's original proposal as insufficient to detect potential health threats to students, workers and others during major events at the Coliseum, had given WVU until Tuesday to come up with testing protocol.

WVU's lawyers will meet with EPA officials today.

Asbestos, once a common fireproofing and insulation material, was used to insulate the shell-shaped sports arena. About 130,000 square feet of insulation containing the cancer-causing substance was sprayed onto the dome's ceiling when the Coliseum was built in 1969.

Chunks have since fallen into some of the 14,000 seats. The EPA has said tests

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EPA regional spokesman

should include 13 leaf blowers to simulate crowd noise and air movement with 55 test sites in different areas of the Coliseum.

WVU's draft plan called for 18 testing sites with five testers opening and closing seats to simulate noise.

"We'll be taking a few more days, and hope to have that submitted by week's end," said WVU

spokeswoman Becky Lofstead.

In June, EPA launched a probe of asbestos conditions in the Coliseum after a WVU employee complained. Under EPA pressure, university President David Hardesty closed portions of the Coliseum so no one would be exposed to airborne asbestos flaking off the building's ceiling.

Contrary to construction specifications, WVU used a soft foam that has been damaged by a leaky roof and condensation problems. A 1992 report found that the asbestos was seriously damaged, and should be removed.

If the tests show unsafe levels of asbestos, the Coliseum will be closed immediately, forcing the basketball team to play home games elsewhere.

Inmates indicted on drug charges

BECKLEY (AP) — Four inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution at Beckley have been indicted on drug charges by a federal grand jury in Charleston. William G. Brown, 29, of Warren, Ohio; Leo Markoneti, 42, of Chadsworth, Calif.; Mario Evans, 26, of Newport News, Va.; and Damian Shauntell Johnson, 20, of Richmond, Va., were charged Tuesday with possession of marijuana inside a federal prison. All four face an additional five years in prison and a \$250,000 fine if convicted.

Science textbooks flunk evaluations

by RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The most widely used middle school science textbooks flunked an evaluation by the nation's largest organization of scientists.

Most of the books cover too many topics and don't do any of them well, said the report released Tuesday by the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The analysis said the texts "include many classroom activities that are either irrelevant to learning key science ideas or don't help students relate what they are doing to the underlying ideas."

George Nelson, director of Project 2061, which evaluated the books, said: "It's a credit to science teachers that their students are learning anything at all."

Nelson said that despite the scientific accuracy of a book, "If it doesn't provide teachers and students with the right kinds of help in understanding and applying important concepts, then it's not doing its job."

The study rated how well textbooks for the middle grades can help students learn key ideas in earth science, life science and physical science.

Each text was evaluated by two independent teams of middle school teachers, curriculum specialists and professors of science education.

"This study confirms our worst fears about the materials used to educate our children in the critical middle grades," said Nelson.

Because textbooks are the backbone of classroom instruction, we must demand improvement so that our students can acquire the knowledge and skills they will need for more advanced learning in high school, college, and the workplace.

The study also looked at three stand-alone units that are not part of any textbooks.

Developed at Michigan State University and the Michigan Department of Education through research aimed at how students learn, the units rated much higher than the textbooks.

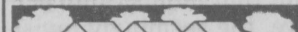
"We understand that these negative evaluations will be disturbing for schools using these texts, but teachers should be able to use the explanations in the full reports to start looking for ways to compensate for the text's shortcomings," Nelson said.

Middle school science tests evaluated in the project were "Glencoe Science,"

"Macmillan/McGraw-Hill Science," "Middle School Science and Technology," "Prentice Hall Science," "PRIME Science," "Science 2000," "Science Insights," "Science Interactions," "SciencePlus: Technology and Society" and "Matter and Molecules."

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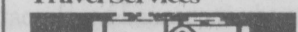
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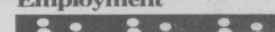
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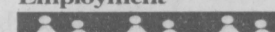
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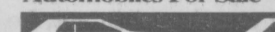
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Be prepared

Counselors needed to help scouts

by KRISTINA WISE
reporter

Faculty members will join the Tri-State Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America to help boy scouts from throughout the state "be prepared."

Dr. Donald Van Horn, dean of the College of Fine Arts, is asking faculty members to serve as merit badge counselors for the fourth annual Boy Scout Merit Badge College at Marshall, Saturday, Feb. 5, 2000.

"The premise of the Merit Badge College is to capitalize on the expertise of the Marshall faculty," Van Horn said.

"The Boy Scouts offer more than 150 merit badges and many of them are in areas that can involve Marshall faculty."

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Dr. Donald Van Horn,
dean of the College of Fine Arts

The Merit Badge College was first at Marshall's campus in 1997, Van Horn said. The local Boy Scout Council talked to the university about organizing the program, which was already at West Virginia University and the University of Kentucky.

"I had a scouting background, so I was asked to take over and help organize the event," Van Horn said.

Boy scouts come to the campus prepared for specific requirements for each badge. They take classes taught by

faculty counselors and have the opportunity to earn a maximum of two badges. In previous years, about 10 merit badges have been offered.

"Up until this year, I relied on the deans to get the word out to the faculty, but this year I sent out 750 letters to every faculty member and so far more than 15 merit badges will be offered," Van Horn said.

Dr. Nicholas Freidan, professor of sociology and anthropology, will offer a badge in archeology.

"I get involved a lot with children to teach them about archeology," Freidan said. "It's important to start early to teach them about preserving the past."

Van Horn said there always has been a good response to the Merit Badge College from faculty of the College of Science.

"After sending out the letters, we've also gotten a lot of other faculty interested, which is very gratifying," Van Horn said.

Van Horn said with the increase in badges offered, more than 125 scouts may be involved with the event in February.

Faculty members interested in serving as merit badge counselors may get more information about merit badges or about the event, by contacting Van Horn at 696-6433 by Friday.

Meeting interests professor

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and gasoline to people who come to Marshall football games would probably not take that view," he said.

Wyatt said he was concerned by the emphasis the consultants placed on students' potential employers.

"The primary motivator of business is economic, and you can't discount that, however, a university is supposed to be something more than that," he said.

"For example, a university ought to be teaching students to decide about values."

The coal industry was one example Wyatt used of a business that was a consumer for Marshall.

"We certainly need to meet

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Dr. Joseph Wyatt,
chairman of the Faculty Senate's
Legislative Affairs Committee

some of the needs of the coal mining industry, but we also need to train our students to meet the needs of poor people and everyday people," he said.

Wyatt said areas such as special education or psychological problems of the elderly — areas that might not make a lot of money — could be overlooked in the university setting if the interests of business are put first.

Gore tries to improve ranking

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out for every single vote."

In a statement from his West Orange, N.J., headquarters, Bradley sounded more like the incumbent than the insurgent. He made clear he will campaign on his own timeline.

"I haven't made it a habit to respond to every change of tactic by the vice president's campaign," Bradley said. He added that he has already accepted a number of joint appearances with Gore, including an Oct. 27 town meeting in New Hampshire.

The shakeup sent tremors throughout Gore's staff at the White House and at his campaign offices in downtown Washington. Many aides, who had been worried about their jobs because of sagging poll numbers and weak fund raising, were caught off guard, although the makings of the move apparently had been under way for a couple of weeks.

Moving the campaign outside Washington was an idea pushed by President Clinton. The idea gained credence as Bradley began closing the gap on Gore in key primary states.

Gore declined a question Wednesday on Bradley's apparent strength, saying only that a tightening of the race was inevitable. "There are only two candidates. You've got Pepsi and Coke," the vice president said.

Bush looks to future

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mary less than three weeks later. McCain's campaign said his support in Arizona is "deep and broad."

"If this campaign was about endorsements or who could raise the most money, it would be one thing, but it's not. It's about ideas, and voters get to decide," said deputy campaign manager Wes Gullett.

Bush welcomed Hull's support. "This is going to make a difference for me in this state," he said, offering advice to anyone running for president. "If you decide to run, get the governor on your side."

Bush also made it clear that Arizona will play a significant role in his White House bid.

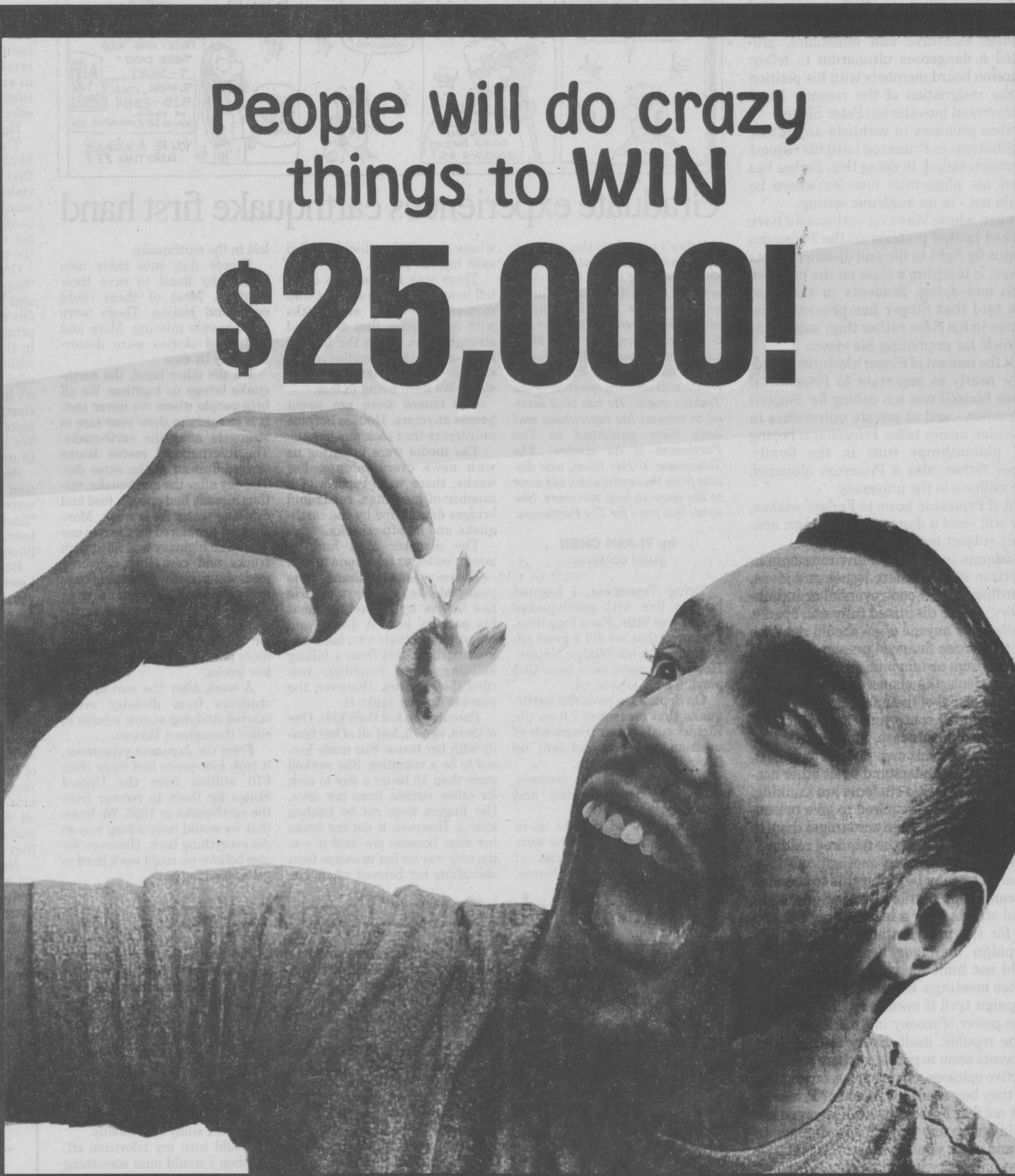
"I know it's an important state and I intend to be competitive," he said. "I know I've got a lot of work to do in Arizona."

Bush's visit Tuesday was scheduled well in advance and was not set up to embarrass McCain, Hull said.

"I have nothing but the highest respect for John McCain," she said. "No matter what happens, he and I will work together for the betterment of Arizona."

Bush agreed, and said of McCain: "We just have a difference of opinion, and the difference is who should be the nominee of the Republican Party."

Later, Bush toured an elementary school for homeless children and attended a \$500 per-person fund-raiser with Hull and Montana Gov. Marc Racicot.



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OFF CAMPUS VIEW

Academia is not for sale, Forbes

Staff Editorial
Michigan Daily
University of Michigan

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Last week, Steve Forbes, GOP presidential hopeful, Princeton trustee and alumnus, business executive and billionaire, presented a dangerous ultimatum to fellow Princeton board members with his petition for the resignation of the recently hired controversial bio-ethicist, Peter Singer.

Forbes promises to withhold any future contributions to Princeton until his request is accommodated. In doing this, Forbes has flexed his plutocratic muscles where he should not - in an academic setting.

Singer, whose views on euthanasia have sparked heated protests on the Princeton campus by right to life and disabled rights groups, is teaching a class on the ethics of death and dying. Students in the class have said that Singer has promoted discussion in his class rather than using it as a vehicle for promoting his views.

But the content of Singer's lectures wouldn't be nearly as important to Princeton if Forbes himself was not calling for Singer's resignation - and at private universities in particular, money talks. Princeton is hoping that philanthropy runs in the family. Forbes' father, also a Princeton alumnus, gave millions to the university.

But if Princeton bows to Forbes' wishes, they will send a dangerous message: academic subject matter is up for sale.

Academia is one of few environments in American society where issues and ideas, regardless of how controversial or inflammatory, can be discussed fully and openly.

Forbes - or anyone else - should never be able to exercise financial pressure to shield students from certain professors or ideas. To deny students the chance to take Singer's class is a denial of their academic freedom.

Well-rounded controversy is essential to growth, and in this case, Singer is not limiting the class to his own views. Far from it, he is trying to understand what other academics and even his students are thinking.

Students will be required to give presentations in class. He even encourages them to find material outside the required reading.

But what is Forbes' motivation? It is rumored he may be using this to broaden his campaign platform to include some moral stands after a lack-luster "flat tax" run for the presidential bid in '96. His campaign manager even said Forbes would not limit his protest to university trustee meetings, but would take it to the campaign trail if necessary.

The power of money in America is as old as the republic itself. Every election year, plutocrats seem to gobble up more and more objective opinions, buying votes, buying ads. Can they buy academic freedom? Princeton must not fear Forbes' financial leverage and should ignore any and all threats made by him and other wealthy alumni. It is the job of the university administration to protect the integrity of their academic environment. And if Princeton caves, where does it draw the line? Such actions would set a frightening precedent for all other universities.

Outside politics cannot dictate university policy. Universities should withstand power plays eclipsing academic freedom.

Administrators must sustain an environment of scholarly thought for rational, enlightened debate. Academic conflicts should remain safely out of reach of private interests.

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Graduate experiences earthquake first hand

Editor's note: Late this summer, Americans heard about two earthquakes, each of which killed thousands of people. One was in Turkey and the other was in Taiwan. Marshall University's W. Page Pitt School of Journalism and Mass Communications had graduates in both countries. The Turk, Timur Dilsiz, was near the epicenter of the Turkish quake. He has been invited to recount his experiences and have them published in The Parthenon if he wishes. The Taiwanese, Yi-Fan Chen, was distant from the earthquake, but went to the scene to help survivors. She wrote this piece for The Parthenon.

by YI-FAN CHEN
guest columnist

Being Taiwanese, I learned how to live with earthquakes since I was little. For a long time, I believed that we did a great job working with our Mother Nature. However, it must have been God playing a big joke on us.

On Sept. 21, a powerful earthquake that measured 7.6 on the Richter scale shook thousands of us from our beds and sent us fleeing into the streets.

For more than 30 seconds, everything was shaking and breaking.

Thousands of people were killed. Most of the victims were found in the central city of Taichung and nearby Nanto,

where hospitals quickly filled with injured people.

There was no one who could tell how much we had lost at that moment. Several aftershocks with magnitudes that measured stronger than 6.0 on the Richter scale and other smaller aftershocks kept bothering us all week. We were living in fear.

Our homes were not sweet homes anymore. Houses became murderers that took our lives.

The media were updating us with news every minute. For weeks, there were reports of a number of buildings, roads and bridges devastated by the earthquake and its aftershocks.

The disaster area had no power, water or telephone to use.

Kids became orphans. The youngest one is 17 days old. He has to live by himself without his parents' love. A doctor and his wife used their own bodies to protect their kids from a falling building. Their neighbors rescued the children. However, the parents did not make it.

Parents also lost their kids. One of them, age 75, lost all of her family with her house. She made herself to be a volunteer. She worked more than 18 hours a day to cook for other victims from her area.

Her fingers were cut by kitchen knives. However, it did not make her stop, because she said it was the only way for her to escape from cherishing her beloved whom she

lost in the earthquake.

People dug into their own houses by hand to save their families. Most of them could only find bodies. There were more people missing. More and more sad stories were discovered day by day.

On the other hand, the earthquake brings us together. We all help people whom we never met. It is so easy to show your care to strangers after the earthquake.

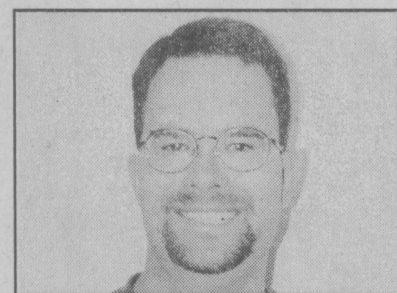
The international rescue teams arrived Taiwan at the same day. The day after the earthquake, victims already had enough food and drinking water for a week. More supplies are stored for them to use later. The highway was filled with trucks and cars that delivered food, water, clothes, sleeping bags and volunteers to disaster areas.

The fifth day after the earthquake, the first house was built for victims for free. There will be more houses for them in the next few weeks.

A week after the earthquake, students from disaster areas started studying at new schools in cities throughout Taiwan.

From the Japanese experience, it took four years and more than \$10 million from the United States for them to recover from the earthquake in 1995. We knew that we would have a long way to get everything back. However, we also believe we could work hard to get everything back.

Someone shut that Taco Bell dog up



MARK BLEVINS

I have been told I am a pessimistic person who is happy only if I have something to complain about. This may or may not be true, but many things in my life do annoy me to no end.

Many of these annoyances come from watching television. I watch quite a bit of television, although I get only three channels.

I have noticed the presence of a very irksome character. He hasn't been on television very long, but his face has been plastered all over advertisements, T-shirts and the like. I, of course, never cared for him, but many others took his playfulness to heart.

What is the creature that has raised my ire so? The Taco Bell chihuahua, of course.

I don't know when the little mutt arrived, but I can't seem to flip on my television without seeing him there. Don't tell me to flip the channel - I've tried and he is on every single channel I get. I'm beginning to think I've stumbled on Must Sell TV.

I can't escape this little dog, who is anything but cute. Someone should just keep feeding him exactly what he wants, tacos - until he throws up or gets Montazuma's Revenge. It may seem cruel, but he would think twice before going on and on about soft shell tacos.

The most recent commercial that our little friend appears in disturbs me the most. He wants tacos, which are on sale for \$0.39 on certain days, and is selling everything from a piano to a pair of oven mitts for \$0.39. If he sells the piano for \$0.39, he gets one taco. But if he sells it for just \$5, he gets a lot more stinking tacos! Not only is this dog annoying, but he is worse at math than I am.

The dog is not cute, smart or supposed to eat tacos. I know someone has seen those television ads and tried to feed their dogs tacos because the Taco Bell dog looks so cute begging for them. I can guarantee your vet would not recommend feeding any animal in your home tacos, soft shell or otherwise.

Do I spend all day contemplating the meaning of 'Yo quiero Taco Bell'? No, I study occasionally.

I could turn my television off, but then I would miss something worthwhile like "The Simpsons." I try to flip the channel when the mutt comes on, I honestly do, but he is on every channel. I shouldn't have to solve this problem anyway. I didn't create this marketing idea, but I have to live with it. I really hope this campaign runs out of steam quick before I am forced to take drastic action and read a book or something.

Yo quiero Taco Bell my foot.

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OFF CAMPUS VIEW

Video games aren't cause of youth violence

by STEVE LUBER
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(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — According to The New York Times, a new "task force" has been created in New York with the purpose of investigating the influence of sex and violence in entertainment. This time, Republican legislators are attacking video games, and their effect upon the youth of our nation.

Here we go again. The panel, headed by New York State Sen. Michael Balboni, will seek to limit the access that children have to video games containing violence, clinging to the classic "monkey see, monkey do" theory that has reared its ugly head hundreds of times before. Being a member of the Nintendo generation myself, I feel the need to speak my mind.

Granted, "Mortal Kombat" is a far cry from "Super Mario Brothers," we all came to know and love. But even in days of old, we had our fair share of death, guns and violence. The very primitive "Duck Hunt," for example, put a gun in the hand of nearly every child in America, while "Contra" gave them the fire-power and rapid-fire killing they all needed. Sure, we didn't have three billion megabit, sonic giga-chip charged graphics and sound, but we could increase that body count with the best of them. We worked for hours on end, perfecting our thumbs' dexterity and staring at the TV.

But most of us were rarely caught committing unthinkable, illegal acts, and even if we were, we certainly wouldn't blame it on "Excitebike." After an afternoon of "Zelda," no teenager felt the need to go out and rob a liquor store. It just didn't happen.

But now, the times, they are a-changin'. Leaders like Balboni see it like this: innocent youth plays video games; innocent youth develops psychotic and/or killer tendencies; innocent youth acts upon those tendencies; innocent youth serves one to ten. But they can't just close down every local arcade and blow up the Nintendo, Sega and Sony buildings all at once.

So legislators have turned to game rating systems. I'm sorry, but this does not work. Let me explain the paradigm - if a game has a stamp on it, recommending that no one under the age of thirteen should purchase it, it does not prevent the game's purchase, but rather it fuels kids' desire to attain that game even more. With all due respect to our lawmakers, they must realize video games are like candy to kids - if they want them, they'll find a way to get them.

Now I'm just a simple college freshman, not yet wise in the ways of the world, but perhaps instead of pursuing video game bills, maybe Congress should shift their focus to other topics such as gun control, drug trafficking and child abuse. Maybe that could put a more direct curb on the youth violence those government leaders keep hollerin' about. It's just a thought.

I can assure the big-wigs in Congress that messing with the video games won't yield anything. Video games are fantasy. The kids playing them are building hand-to-eye coordination. The kids are having fun. The kids are dreaming.

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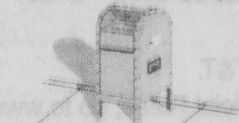
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Rugby club looks to SGA for financial help ... again

by MIKE KLUG
reporter

Marshall's men's rugby team travels to several tournaments and games each season and the price of these trips is emptying the club's pockets.

Last spring, the Student Government Association (SGA) approved \$50 for the club. Members said they were not happy about this.

They said they expected more because SGA had given them more in the past.

"It is difficult to take trips when you don't have the money," rugby player Brent Perry said.

Perry has represented the club at several SGA meetings this semester.

Tony Ponton, senior liberal arts major and SGA parliamentarian, will introduce the rugby club's bill to the Student Senate Tuesday.

"The Student Senate only approved \$50 for the rugby club last spring," Ponton said. "I don't think the senators realize how expensive it is to run the club, especially when they get no money from the Athletic Department."

"I am sponsoring the bill because the club is made up of students who are dedicated to have rugby succeed."

Scrum captain Chad Barker is in his fourth semester on the rugby team. He said the team received \$500 his first two semesters on the team.

"Last semester we were approved for only \$50 because

SGA said they ran out of money," Barker said.

The club's only other source of financial support is through coach Bill Sinclair who sponsors the team and has fund raisers.

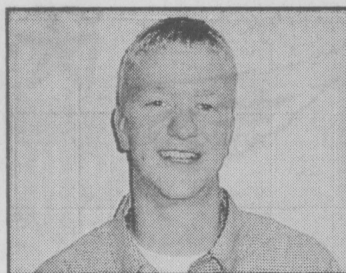
Sinclair is a lawyer and former rugby player.

Rugby club president Mark Morris said the club never received the \$50 approved by SGA.

"We are trying to build a foundation of tradition here," Morris said. "If we can't get help from Marshall, it is kind of hard to do."

"I remember when I started back in 1996. We scored one time that season. We were the worst team in the nation. Now, we are one of the best. We can compete with anybody."

Schedules can mean more than one season's games



CHARLES SHUMAKER

Scheduling is a big thing in athletics, almost as big as games themselves.

The anticipation, the excitement and the joy.

When the men's and women's basketball schedules were released they were a sight for sore eyes. Women's basketball has road games against Arizona and WVU in addition to its MAC schedule. The men's team, after last season's win over the University of Massachusetts, has attracted the University of Georgia to Huntington as well as a rematch with the Minutemen on its court.

Men's soccer this season featured a home game with Virginia Tech and games against two ACC schools that have teams begging to play them. Head coach Bob Gray said a game like Maryland or Virginia is a boost to a team's program and recruiting. Although the Herd traveled

to Maryland and came out with a 4-0 loss, it still had the chance to play the best of the best. When the same team travels to Charlottesville, Va., Oct. 20 to face UVA, the Herd probably will be underdogs.

But it's not whether you win or lose, it's how you play the game. This may not go for everyone but how can a team expect to get better when it runs from the big dogs and plays with the small dogs?

That brings me to a point. It seems the football team has been dealing with the likes of North Carolina - just a rumor at this point - but nevertheless there could be a grain of truth to it. The truth is, Marshall traveled to Death Valley this season and came out with a win. Next season we are supposed to play Michigan State away and a possibility of a home game with a big name team and in the future who knows.

It's great to have the chance to travel to places and play big teams in its house, what some would call "big time" college environment, but what about a home and home deal? Have Clemson come here and let us heckle them.

Now that Marshall has its name in the Top 25 and everyone knows we can play, maybe there is a chance of a WVU game ... although I wouldn't get my hopes up.

What has almost every other sport on campus solved with WVU teams that football can't? This is undoubtedly a struggling WVU team this season at 1-3 but we can't know the outcome of a game because there is no game to play.

In a Herald-Dispatch column, Marshall head coach Bob Pruett told Tim Stephens it is hard to get teams to play in Huntington because we have a four year home winning streak. That is always a good thing to say but wouldn't it be great to be able to cram 40,000 into the newly expanded stadium next season for a showdown with UNC or someone else (except Wofford).

Sure it would be nice to have any of this happen but until then, as Gray said, big name teams don't have to travel for games, they can play anyone they want to at home.

Someday we can have that privilege and have people beg to come play us, but until then I guess we will have to settle for what we have, strong road games and not much to look forward to when the Herd is at home.

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WVU limps home with 1-3 record

MORGANTOWN (AP) — Playing on the road three out of four weeks to start the season has taken a toll on West Virginia's football team and on coach Don Nehlen's diet.

The Mountaineers lost all three road games in the first month. Their defense couldn't tackle and their young offense couldn't score, in part because it couldn't adequately protect quarterback Marc Bulger.

Bulger suffered a leg injury on a sack in the season opener at East Carolina, which hampered



NEHLEN

him the following week. Then he broke his right index finger on a Syracuse player's face mask Saturday and will miss at least the next two games.

The only good news for Nehlen will be playing the next three games at home, sandwiched around a bye week that will help his team heal.

The offense now is in the

hands of backup quarterback Brad Lewis, who will make his first college start.

If Lewis gets hurt, freshman Scott McBrien would be forced to fill in. Nehlen also has free safety Jerry Porter taking snaps at quarterback in an emergency. Porter spent time at the position two years ago before being moved to wide receiver and last year to the defensive backfield.

"At least we're home. If there's anything good, we're home for a while," Nehlen said.

UT football problems go beyond field pending possible academic fraud

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — An internal review into possible academic fraud and coverup at Tennessee might not be completed quickly because it will be thorough, an official involved in the review said.

"We would like it over in a day. But that is not realistic, is it?" Carl Asp, Tennessee's faculty athletics representative, said Tuesday.

Tennessee is reviewing reports that athletic department tutors did school work for athletes, in possible violation of school honor codes and NCAA rules, as far back as 1995, and that administrators were not informed.

If proven, the violations would bring a harsh penalty from the NCAA, but the school would not have to forfeit its 1998 national football title, a former NCAA official said.

New Mexico State, Michigan State, Texas Tech, Miami and Minnesota have all been hurt by claims of academic violations in recent years. Penalties have included NCAA probation and loss of scholarships.

The NCAA is aware of the situation at Tennessee, but is taking no action until the school makes its own findings.

Chancellor Bill Snyder said his concerns go beyond sports.

"Academic dishonesty and plagiarism, if that is verified, we take a very strong position on that," he said. "Regardless of who is involved ... whether student-athletes or not."

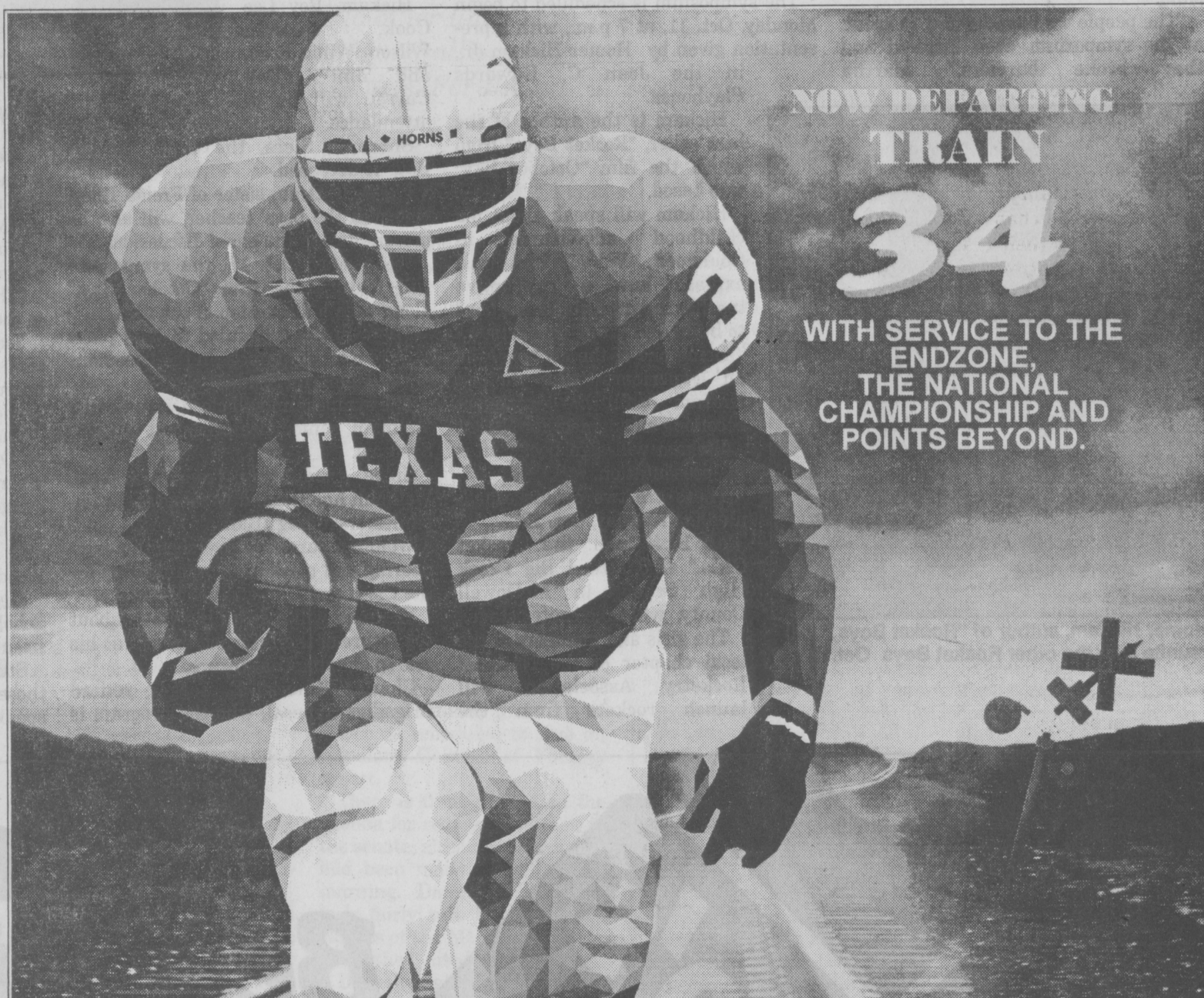
ESPN reported Sunday that internal memos show high-level administrators in UT's athletic department were told four tutors might have done schoolwork for at least five unidentified football players, a baseball player and a female athlete.

Three of the football players have transferred.

ESPN quoted a 1997 memo from Linda Bensen-Meyers, director for composition in the English department, to the Faculty Senate claiming problems in 1995 with freshmen athletes.

She wrote that "several of these athletes submitted papers that were either co-written or entirely written by tutors" hired by the athletics department. These athletes "claimed they had been told by their tutors that this sort of intervention was acceptable," she wrote.

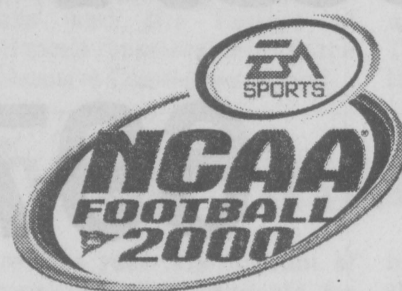
ESPN also reported that religious studies professor Dan Deffenbaugh suspected in 1995 that about one-third of the papers turned in by football players were plagiarized in some form.



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Hands-on experience

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Aiming High

Yeager symposium brings those who have gone above and beyond to campus

by **KIMBERLY DUMONT**
reporter

The Yeager Scholars have reached new heights by planning a Yeager Symposium that will include a best selling author, one of America's sexiest men over the age of 50 and the "Rocket Boys."

"Reaching for the Stars, Breaking Barriers" is the theme for the symposium.

"The people we have invited to speak at the symposium were inspired and they broke barriers," Martha

Woodward, director of the John R. Hall Center for Academic Excellence, said. "It is a good example to show people."

The Yeager Scholars chose this theme to show how people become interested in technology, Woodward said.

The symposium, organized and scheduled by the Yeager Scholars, is designed to focus on people from West Virginia who were inspired to reach beyond the common place.

The symposium is scheduled to begin Monday, Oct. 11, at 7 p.m., with a presentation given by Homer Hickam Jr., in the Joan C. Edwards Playhouse.

Hickam is the author of the best seller, "Rocket Boys" from which the film "October Sky" was based.

Hickam will speak about his childhood adventures in Coalwood, W.Va., and will explain how a supportive teacher inspired six young boys to build and launch rockets.

Being one of the six boys was an experience that helped Hickam fulfill his dream of becoming an engineer for NASA.

Hickam will sign books after his presentation.

There are two events scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 12.

At 10:45 a.m. the "Rocket Girls," who attend Big Creek High School in McDowell County, will take center stage.

The girls and members of the local chapter of the National Rocketry Association will launch rockets from the

Quadrangle, a field located behind the Morrow Library.

The same day, at 3:30 p.m., five of the original six "Rocket Boys" will reunite in the Booth Experimental Theater for a panel discussion.

Hickam, Roy Lee Cook, Quentin Wilson, Willie Rose, and Jim O'Dell Carroll will be in attendance.

Sherman Siers, the sixth "Rocket Boy," is deceased.

Iva Gray Dean, sister of Freida Riley, who was the boys' teacher, will also be present during the panel discussion.

Wednesday, Oct. 13, the symposium will feature the film "October Sky," along with a discussion of the film.

The event is scheduled to take place at 7:30 p.m. in Marco's, in the basement of the Memorial Student Center.

The symposium will close with Shelby Wellman, senior vice president of Cisco Systems.

Since graduating from Marshall, Wellman has worked with several companies, including IBM.

Wellman currently oversees the engineering and marketing organization for the Cisco and IBM strategic alliance.

Wellman will discuss his views about the future of the Internet, as well as his role in shaping that future.

Charles "Chuck" E. Yeager, retired Brigadier General, who the program is

named for, will be on campus Friday to visit with the scholars.

Yeager, the first man to break the sound barrier, was voted one of the sexiest men in America over the age of 50 by "Modern Maturity" Magazine.

Woodward said the Yeager Scholars program is unique.

"They do what the best educated people in the world ought to do," Woodward said.

Yeager scholars are required to attend seminars, complete 18 hours of foreign language courses, and maintain a 3.5 grade point average.

The scholars must also study abroad, at Oxford University, or in a country where students can use a foreign language in daily living.

When they graduate they should be able to function in a public forum, Woodward said.

Members of the Society of Yeager Scholars Board of Directors are lawyers, scientists, diplomats and business people.

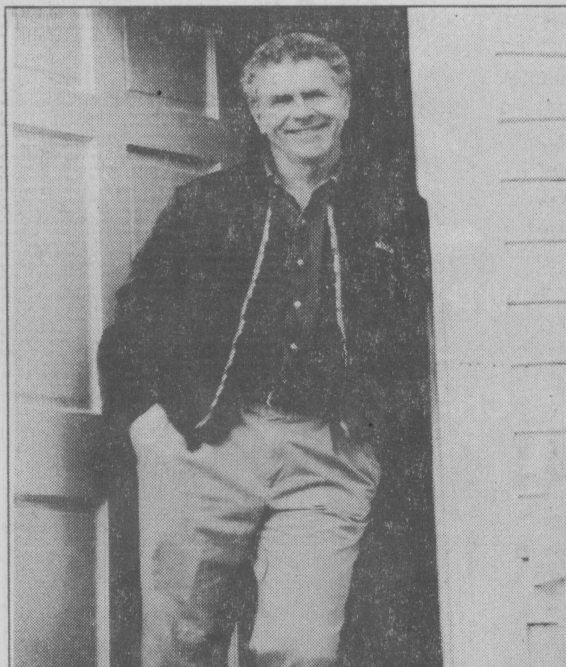
Students benefit from exposure to these people and by being exposed to the speakers who are involved in the Yeager



LEFT: Yeager scholars will have the chance to meet Charles Yeager, the namesake of their program.

BELOW: Marshall graduate Selby Wellman will close the symposium with a discussion of his views of the future.

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Homer Hickam, author of "Rocket Boys," will reunite with the other Rocket Boys Oct. 12

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Campus Light Baptist Ministries, Memorial Student Center room 2W-16, 8 p.m. Contact: Dave Greear 529-1545

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Habitat for Humanity, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 1 p.m.

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Committed to Christ, Bible study, Campus Christian Center Blue Room, 8 p.m. Contact: 697-4084

Committed to Christ, Choir practice, Campus Christian Center, 9 p.m. Contact: 697-4084

Residence Hall Programs, "Are You Ready for Y2K?" Twin Towers East, 9:15 p.m. Contact: 696-3193

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